

WINNING BID \$4656

Gilman & Son Will Build South-ern Approach

Three Firms Submitted Figures—Road Will Be 2300 Feet Long and 23 Feet Wide—Must Be Finished June 1.

A departure from the usual method of securing new roads in this town was instituted Wednesday evening, when the selectmen awarded a contract for the construction of the proposed new road at the south entrance of the town from the end of South Main street to a point on the Vernon road a few feet south of Cascade brook. Formerly new roads have been built by the road commissioner, but as an experiment the selectmen decided to ask for bids for this work from contractors. The bids were opened Wednesday evening and G. E. Gilman & Son were awarded the contract. Their bid was \$4656 for the job. Crosby & Parker entered a bid for \$4921. Burnett & Perry put in a bid at \$5620.12.

The specifications call for a road 23 feet wide, 2300 feet long and with grades from 1 to 8 per cent. The plans and specifications were made by James Helyar. They call for a road 23 feet wide, every particular to be completed by June 1, 1912, and if the road settles at any point after that date the contractors are to make the repairs. They were then until June 1 the likelihood of its settling is done away with to a large extent. When the specifications were made it was planned to have an 18-foot roadway, but by advice of State Highway Commissioner C. W. Gates it was decided to make it 23 feet wide, which allows one foot on each side of the road for a gutter. To make the greater part of the road will not be difficult, but at the southern end a fill about 400 feet in length will have to be made near the Cascade brook and just north of this about 857 cubic yards of stone will have to be removed. At the Cascade brook a cement culvert will be built, and a cement retaining wall will be made to prevent the new roadway from falling upon the present Vernon road, just south of the road that crosses the Hunt farm and joins Vernon street near the River Chair company's plant. The three roads will join at that point and the Vernon road will be widened. The fill near the brook will be made on each side and the specifications call for a fence with chestnut posts four feet above the level of the road, six inches in diameter at the top and eight feet apart. The railings are to be four inches square, set with a corner upward in order to shed the rain and reduce wear, and the fences are to be painted with two coats of white paint.

Gilman & Son started a force of men at work early yesterday morning and they will continue until the road is completed. The fill at the southern end is specified in the contract to be finished Feb. 1, and the entire job June 1. The contracts were awarded on the construction in two sections, one section covering dirt work and one rock excavation. This was done so as to be fair both to the town and the contractor. At one point it is known that there are 35 cubic yards of rock to be removed. This was taken as a basis from which to compute the approximate total and the contractors bid on the work. The town Engineer Helyar thinks will be about the correct amount. Gilman & Son's bid on the dirt work was \$371, to which they added \$150 a cubic yard for the stone, making the total for the dirt work, \$1285.50. This brought their bid up to \$4656.50. If there are more than 357 cubic yards of rock to be removed the town will have to pay \$150 for each cubic yard. Crosby & Parker bid \$350 on the dirt work and \$1 for each cubic yard of rock up to \$90 and \$3 for each cubic yard above \$90. This brought their bid up to \$4921. Burnett & Perry bid \$3691.87 on the dirt work and \$2.25 for each cubic yard of rock, or \$1928.55, making a total of \$5620.12.

Gilman & Son's bid is well within the \$5000 appropriated by the town in a special meeting in August. According to State Highway Commissioner C. W. Gates, who is a recognized authority on roads and road making, the southern entrance to this town will be ideal. The plans drawn by James Helyar are fine specimens from which to work and the specifications in the contract call for the contractors to follow them to the letter. Gilman & Son were pleased to secure the contract because when the road is finished in good condition it will be a material aid to them in getting future contracts.

How Much Could the Horse Feed Over?
Editor of The Phoenix:—My answer to the example in the South Vernon items in last week's paper, viz., "How many square feet could a horse feed over, tied with a rope 100 feet long to the corner of a barn 25 feet square?" is 30,301 (thirty thousand and three hundred and one) square feet.

Yours truly,
CHAS. A. SMITH.
Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 1.

A running account should not be left standing.

TELEGRAPH SUPERINTENDENT.

Welcome I. Capen, Formerly of Brattleboro, Has Charge of Wires Running All Over the World.

The Globe and Commercial Advertiser of New York published a special industrial edition Oct. 28, and one page was devoted to the Postal Telegraph Cable company, with wires "threading their way to the remotest parts of the earth." Portraits were published of the five leading officials of the company, including a former Brattleboro boy, who learned the rudiments of the business in this town with his father, the late J. H. Capen, superintendent of the company, and a country. The Globe and Commercial Advertiser said:

"The general superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Cable company is Welcome I. Capen, in charge of its plant and all of its construction work. He began his telegraphic career as a messenger boy in his native place, Brattleboro, Vt., with the Vermont, Boston and Montreal Telegraph company. As an operator he first used the old Bain alphabet, but adopted the Morse system on entering the service of the Western Union. Subsequently Mr. Capen saw service in all of the old opposition telegraph companies.

"When the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph company took charge of the lines of the Automatic Telegraph company Mr. Capen was then acting manager for the latter company in Baltimore, Md. Soon thereafter he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to set up automatic machinery, and finally located in that city.

"Mr. Capen then returned to the service of the Western Union and was its wire chief for several years, resigning to accept the position of manager of the Cincinnati, Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph company when that company first branched out in the commercial business. He then entered the service of the Postal Telegraph Cable company and was made manager of its Cincinnati office in 1890. The company advanced him to the superintendency of the Chicago district in 1898. He was then made superintendent of construction, western division, with headquarters at Chicago, January, 1901. He was advanced to the general superintendency of the company in October, 1898. Then came his appointment to the position of general superintendent of the plant, with headquarters in New York, which he now occupies."

Parochial School Honor List.

Below we give the names of the pupils of grade IX, in the parochial school with the averages made by each in the October tests.

Gertrude Austin 98, Mary E. Moran 97, Harold Shea 97, Anna Curtin 96, Thomas Austin 96, Kathleen Long 95, Mary Lynch 94, Thomas Lynch 85, Agnes Blake 85, Horace Welome 85, Francis Fleming 75.

Grade VIII—Highest average, Alice Long 95; over 90, Mary Scanlon, Catherine Curtin.

Grade VII—Highest average, Eleanor Baker, 88.

Grade VI—Highest average, Catherine Denning, 91.

Grade V—Highest average, Thomas Connors, 97.

Grade IV—Highest average, Louis Young, 99.

Grade III—Highest average, Clara Paquette, 97.

Grade II—Highest average, Ruth Garrity 98.

Below are listed the names of the pupils who were present at every session during the month of October:

Room I.—Ruth Deffer, Harold Dayo, Edward Long, Mary O'Connor, Joseph Pellerin, Mary Tarrent, Bernard Cavanaugh, Florence Danyew, Bessie Doyle, Floyd Gonyea, Frederic Gonyea, Edward Garrity, Ruth Garrity, Elizabeth Grady, George Shea, Christina Yancy, James Baker, Helen Austin, Helena Beagotti, Alice Boyce, William Larrow, Mary Curry, John Clune, Elsie Danyew, Mary Grady.

Room II.—Helen Mann, Gertrude Doyle, Gladys Russell, Katherine Garrity, John Manning, Francis Manning, Francis Austin, Justin Moran, Louis Yauvey, Daniel Curtin, Mary Pellerin, Alice Manning, Marguerite Haus, Martha Howe, Isabel Cavanaugh, William Connors, Louis Young, Thomas Connors, Anna Fleming, Mary Danyew.

Room III.—Anna Burke, Josephine Garrity, Elmer Eckels, Rose Pellerin, Helen St. Cyr, James Scanlon, Edmund Curtin, Joseph Fleming, Francis Fitzgerald, Mary Cavanaugh, Francis Lynch, Ralph Paquette, William Baker, John Clune, C. Denning, Katherine Welome.

Room IV.—Gertrude Austin, Agnes Blake, Anna Curtin, Francis Fleming, Mary Lynch, Harold Shea, Horace Welome, Mary Baker, Catherine Curtin, Catherine Dugan, Helen Dunn, Alice Long, Jeannie Paquette, Mary Scanlon.

The pupils of Room IV, will be dismissed at 3 p. m. today, having had the highest average of attendance, 98 per cent, during the month.

WESTMORELAND, N. H.

N. E. Farr will sell at auction at the so-called Briggs place Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 10 a. m., 20 head of Holstein and Jersey cattle, basket phonet, Concord buggy, sleigh, horse rake, wheel harrow and parlor cod stove. A bay mare, White Leghorn poultry and other property belonging to George Bevis will be sold at the same time.

VERNON.

A dance will be held in Whitted's hall Friday evening of this week.

Mrs. Edna Greenman of New London, Conn., visited her uncle, A. H. Jaquith, Tuesday.

G. H. Barnes of Waverley, Mass., is spending the week with his brother, A. G. Barnes.

Miss Elizabeth Richards of Chicopee Falls, Mass., is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Alonzo Stebbins.

Mrs. A. G. Barnes arrived home Tuesday after a very pleasant visit in Waverley, N. Y., and Athens, Pa.

Elliot Peeler, who has been out of health several weeks, went to Memorial hospital in Brattleboro Tuesday.

Mrs. S. Mulholland of Westfield, Mass., came Tuesday. She is a guest of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Nute.

Vernon Grange will hold a regular meeting on Saturday evening of this week. Members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Titcomb and Mr. and Mrs. George Lemay of Gardner were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Putnam the last of the week.

B. H. Newton went to Shelburne Falls Tuesday, moving the furniture of Mr. Whipple, who has recently found employment there and has moved there with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Staten went to Bloomfield, Conn., Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. George Capen, who had many friends in this section. They returned Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. O. Lee of Northfield is spending a few days with friends here. Many were glad to meet her at the meeting Wednesday of the ladies' circle, of which she was for many years a valued member.

An automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Staten, Mrs. W. E. Squires, J. T. Wright and several other friends from Brattleboro of J. V. Downing and Henry Martin enjoyed a trip to Shelburne Falls one of the beautiful autumn days this week.

About 50 friends of Miss Ruth Fairman gave her a very delightful surprise Saturday afternoon. They assembled in the parlor of Union church, which had been very appropriately decorated for the occasion. A white bell was suspended from the centre of the room and a table covered with white with gilt stars and blue trimmings contained handsome and costly gifts. All the friends united in wishing for Miss Fairman a very happy life, filled with pleasant memories.

SOUTH VERNON.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Baker of Palmer, Mass., visited Tuesday with Miss Mary Scott.

Fred Severance of Dorchester, Mass., visited his father, Curtis Severance, this week.

Mrs. Curtis Severance has gone to visit friends in Erving and Orange, Mass., a week.

R. W. Russell left Monday for a visit with his son, Myron H. Russell, in Bar Harbor, Me.

A week from next Sunday, Nov. 12, will be rally Sunday for church and Sunday school.

Miss Mary Wahler of Greenfield is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Merton Fairman.

Mrs. Warren Shine and four children of Warwick, Mass., are staying a few days at the farm.

Rev. George E. Tyler of Bristol, Conn., came for a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. Martha Tyler, this week.

Rev. A. E. Phelps will preach in the chapel Tuesday evening if fair. If stormy, Wednesday evening following.

Rev. John S. Purdy of Athol will preach in the Advent Christian church in exchange with Rev. A. E. Phelps next Sunday.

G. N. Kidder of Northfield has been at work in the cemetery repairing some of the lots, among them Charles Davis's, this week.

Miss Amy Carroll finished work for P. W. Stoddard Tuesday and returned Wednesday to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll of Rowe, Mass., for a month's vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fairman and three children spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Alexander in Dunsmoor, and are sorry to hear that Miss Ida Alexander is in very poor health again. All hope she may recover her health soon.

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WESTMINSTER.

Burglary at Walpole Station.

A burglary was committed at the Walpole station Tuesday night. Fifty mileage books and about \$200 in money were taken. The safe was demolished, the door being blown to atoms. It evidently was the work of an expert.

Mrs. Sarah Nutting is visiting in New Haven, Conn.

A little flurry of snow greeted us Thursday morning.

Mrs. Jane Chase has gone to Montpelier to stay several weeks.

Madam Fenn and daughter, Mary, are spending the week in Palmer, Mass.

Mrs. Frances Ware of Bellows Falls is spending a few days with Mrs. Ellen Ward.

Mrs. Mary Jennison and Miss Kate Grout went to Springfield, Mass., Thursday to stay a few weeks.

Mrs. Out of Burlington and Clark Chase of Bellows Falls were guests at Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nutting's recently.

Mrs. William Foster and children have gone to their winter home in Boston. Mr. Foster went about two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hall and daughter, Helen, and Bert Bowen went to Pawnee Saturday by automobile to stay a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Fisher have gone to New York city to stay two weeks. Their grandson, Asa Davis, Jr., returned to his home with them.

Miss Ruth Dawley entertained a party of friends Saturday evening, the occasion being her 18th birthday anniversary. A pleasant time was enjoyed.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Holton made their farewell calls Tuesday and Wednesday before leaving for their work in India. They leave their son to be educated in this country.

Mrs. Clifford Harrington and daughter, Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Harrington's mother, left Wednesday for their winter home in New York city. Mr. Harrington expects to go the first of December.

Invitations are out for a reception which will be given by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Willard in their home in this place Nov. 6 from 8 to 11 o'clock. The reception will be held on the 10th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Willard.

Miss Abbie Leonard of Bellows Falls and Miss Eleanor Williams of Hartford, Conn., were guests of Miss Carrie Warren Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Ridout visited Sunday with Madam Ridout and Miss Elizabeth in Weston.

Stanley Fulham was agreeably surprised Wednesday evening when 21 of his friends called to help him celebrate his 21st birthday anniversary. Stanley lives on a farm and the home is one where the latch-string is always out and the most genial hospitality is extended.

WESTMINSTER WEST.

Mrs. Loren Goodell is in town for a short stay.

Robert Goodhue of Brattleboro is in town tuning pianos.

Mrs. Harlan Goodhue is visiting her daughters in Brattleboro.

Mrs. Mary Buxton entertained the ladies' aid society at her home Thursday.

The Misses Kerr and brother, Fred, spent Sunday at Henry Reynolds's in Saxtons River.

Harry Chapman of Windham enjoyed a few days' hunting with his brother, F. H. Chapman, last week.

The ladies' missionary society will meet with Mrs. F. R. Chapman Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ansel Moudrop, who had been ill but who was convalescing, had an ill turn last Thursday. She is reported to be in a critical condition.

Miss Caroline Wellman entertained several of her friends at a social dinner Saturday evening in honor of Miss Stone, who is visiting here.

Elvin Houghton and family of Marlboro, Mass., and Miss Carrie Houghton, who attends high school there, came Sunday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Susan Houghton, who is ill. Mrs. True of Epping, N. H., came Monday to assist in the care of her mother.

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Windsor's New Methodist Minister.

Rev. E. W. Sharp of Brattleboro preached at Rachel Harlow Methodist church on Sunday and will remain in town until the end of the conference year in April, when, if he continues the pastorate, his family will remove from Brattleboro to Windsor.

Rev. Sharp is a native of Nova Scotia but passed his boyhood's days in Boston. He obtained his preliminary education at Mt. Hermon school in Massachusetts, and joined the Vermont Methodist conference in 1895.